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Coke to sponsor youths

Coca Cola Bottlers will sponsor the 1979 national youth championship in Melbourne from May 13 to 18.

The championship is an important part of the lead-up to the world youth titles to be held in Australia in 1981.

Therefore, the age group for the championship has been changed from under 19 to under 18. Thus it is for players born on or after May 1, 1961, for such players automatically qualify for the 1981 world titles.

Each State team in the national championship will be allowed to use three over-age players from previous youth teams, including the 1978-79 Australian under 19s.

The Paraguay or the Yugoslav under 19 team may visit Australia for practice matches on their way to Japan for the world youth titles in August.

The eight competing States for the national championship have been divided into two groups of four teams and the round-robin matches, to be played at Monash University, will start on May 14. The groups are:

GROUP A: A.C.T., South Aust., West Aust., Nth NSW.

GROUP B: NSW, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania.

The semi-finals will be played at Olympic Park on Thursday, May 17, with the first match at 6.30 pm and the second at 8.15 pm.

The final will be played the following evening at Olympic Park at 8 pm.

National coach, Rudi Gutendorf, was delighted to learn that his innovation in that a team winning a match by four clear goals or more shall be awarded an additional point has been included in the regulations of the championship.



Statue marks 15 years of service

A statue of John Perin (pictured) was unveiled at the Olympic Sports Field last week to mark the former Socceroos' 15th season with Adelaide City.

The club commissioned one of South Australia's leading sculptors, Mick Kotlar, brother of Croatia player Bruno Kotlar, to produce the statue, which, incidentally, weighs the same as Perin himself — 12 stone.

The unveiling took place on Adelaide City's "Night of the Stars".

It is the highlight of an impressive promotional programme started by Adelaide City and its manager-coach Rale Basic.

Another innovation is that each of the 21 players has his own sponsor.

This has raised \$5000 for the club. Sydney photographer Anton Cormak contributed 50 color and black and white photographs of World Cup games, Adelaide City players in action and PSL photos for an attractive pictorial display in the clubrooms. There are also pictures of Adelaide City teams of the past.

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WORLD TOUR FOR ROOS?

A possible world tour is the lure for the new national squad which will be born at the end of April.

Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf said in Melbourne last week he would select 26 players for the Australian squad and that they would go into camp for a week from May 1.

The squad will comprise 50 per cent experience and 50 per cent youth, Gutendorf said. It will include five or six members of the Australian under 19 team that played in Paraguay recently.

Gutendorf and Australian Soccer Federation secretary Brian le Feuvre put forward three possible tours for the Socceroos before the 1981 World Cup qualifying game. They are:

A world tour taking in South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Kuwait, Greece, West Germany and Spain;

• Participation in the King's Cup tournament in Thailand;

• A visit to Yugoslavia which would serve as the base for the Socceroos, who would also visit nearby Bulgaria and perhaps Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

Gutendorf said he would go to Europe in August to make firm arrangements for a tour.

Meanwhile, Gutendorf will select a coach in Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide to liaise with him on the progress of national team candidates. He stressed these would not be PSL coaches.

He will visit each State for a week, spending time with clubs, meeting coaches and watching matches.

During his week in Melbourne, he will watch two PSL games and a specially-arranged game between a PSL selection and a State League selection.

"I realize I will not be able to judge all players I see on only one performance," he said. "The players I pick will be the ones I like or have had recommended to me. There will be changes to the squad as I get to know the players better."



Sydney City's Andrew Lederer (left) and Frank Lowy with players and the Lord Mayor of Sydney.

Lord Mayor gives blessing to 'City'

What is hoped to become a fruitful and profitable relationship between Sydney City (formerly Hakoah) and the civic and business leadership of the City of Sydney was launched last week with a reception hosted by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Nelson Meers.

In launching the famous Blue-and-Whites' new identity, Ald Meers reviewed Hakoah's leading role in Australian soccer over many years.

The club's trademark has always been quality, entertainment and imaginative management," the Lord Mayor said, recalling club president Frank Lowy's involvement in the creation of the Philips Soccer League of Australia.

"I am told by officials that the club's name change opens the door to more progress in the future."

He welcomed in the name of the people of Sydney the club bearing the name of "this great city".

"The team has our fervent good wishes in its effort to live up to the reputation of the City of Sydney around this nation and the world. I am sure it looks forward to a future of enormous promise," The Lord Mayor said.

In response to Ald Meers' speech Sydney City president Frank Lowy decried the oft-voiced opinion that "big cities have no souls", claiming that his club has set out on a road which will prove the opposite is true.

Sydney City Soccer Club is seeking active involvement with the general community and all the citizens," he said.

"The change of our name from Hakoah to Sydney City was not an easy process, it was an emotional decision to leave our long tradition behind."

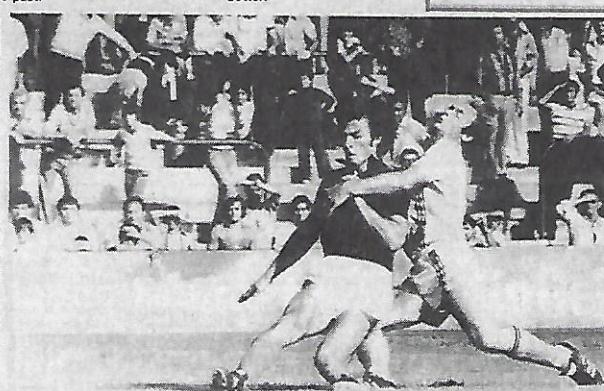
"However, now that the decision has been implemented, we will do our hardest to succeed," he said.

Lowy briefly outlined some of the plans the club has to achieve this aim, including the establishment of a Schools Committee in the district, organisation of a network of coaching clinics and the inauguration of the Lord Mayor's Cup for competition between the schools of the area.

The Cup will carry \$2000 prize money.

"I can promise the people of Sydney that we will carry the Cup around the world in other States, and ultimately overseas," Lowy concluded.

The civic reception at Sydney Town Hall was attended by a large cross section of Sydney's civic, business community, and sporting leaders, as well as members of the media and the Sydney City first grade squad. PETER SCOTT



Footscray's Jim Kondaros gets the better of Heidelberg's Arthur McMillan in this encounter at Olympic Park last Sunday. Picture by

State soccer on television?

Juventus secretary Rocco Di Zio has come up with an idea to put soccer back on television for the benefit of the Victorian State League.

And Melbourne's ATV-0 is interested.

His idea is to package a regular programme and buy off-peak television time to show it every second week.

He proposes that Juventus and Makedonia play their home matches as double-headers and that these matches be filmed for the TV programme.

"Limiting the home venues would cut down on costs and using Juventus and Makedonia would ensure good attendance," Di Zio said.

"I'm sure we could get sufficient advertising support to pay for the cost of the TV time."

"All the clubs would get television time, and so all of them would have greater bargaining power with potential sponsors."

TO THE EDITOR . . .

PETITION

SIR — We are deeply concerned with the O-10 Network's decision to terminate the "Philips Top Soccer" program. The promotion of the program was second-rate compared with that of Football. All football programs are shown at a reasonable viewing time, whereas soccer was always screened at an inconvenient time.

When the VFA's combined side played a representative team in Queensland, Channel 0 went out of their way to telecast the match. They were doing this to promote football in Queensland.

Why shouldn't the same be done for soccer? When the Australian national side plays a top team from Europe it should be given the same treatment as football.

We have started conducting a petition of signatures from viewers of the program. We believe these actions might convince the management at Channel 0 that the program wasn't the failure that they thought it was. In two days of gathering signatures, the public's response has been overwhelming and we already have approximately 750 signatures. We would appreciate any assistance from concerned soccer followers. We want to change soccer's position from "second fiddle" to top dog.

John Kalpaki and Steve Zafirou, Thornbury, Vic.

"SOCCER ACTION" INVITES READERS TO FORWARD THEIR OPINIONS ABOUT THE O 10 NETWORK'S AXING OF THE "PHILIPS TOP SOCCER" PROGRAMME.

Opinions about other subjects are also invited. The best of them will be published.

REFEREES

SIR — I would like to refer to a section in "Soccer Action", March 7, '79.

The segment was headlined "Tony for Japan?" It really amazes me how our magazine can refer to Tony Boskovic as Australia's top referee.

Certainly, he is not rated by the other States as top referee, particularly South Australia and Queensland.

The second point in your article I would like to bring to the readers' attention is: Why, when Mr. Boskovic was given the trip to the World Cup in Germany in 1974 to referee, then the Ladies Tournament in Taiwan last year, as well as other numerous trips, why should he go to Japan? What's wrong with our other officials? Do they believe there is only one referee capable of carrying Australia's flag? Why aren't all the other F.I.F.A. referees given their chance? For instance, Peter Rampay, who was named "Referee of the Year" and was very deserving of this title? He is what you call a top referee. As one reporter wrote on the game Mr. Rampay officiated between Greece and Australia in Melbourne last year: "The refereeing of that game was equal to any World Cup standard."

Despite these handicaps, soccer has and will continue to progress in this country. We will still have to battle against those who have a vested interest against soccer, but we are well aware of that. What we don't need is internal haggling and knocking from those who supposedly have soccer's best interests at heart.

Let's try to be progressive and show some initiative, rather than being a poor imitator suspended in a state of soccer stagnation. Maybe then overseas visitors will one day refer to "the Australian football style".

Peter Maggs, Lilydale, Vic.



Referee Chris Bambridge adopts a traffic cop stance during the South Melbourne v Sydney Olympic PSL match at Middle Park. The smart new uniform, worn by all PSL referees, is supplied by Dunlop.

ROOS FOR ASIAN CUP SERIES?

Australia is keen to participate in an Asian version of the European Cup, planned for August.

Sixteen teams will contest the Cup series which will offer \$250,000 in prizemoney.

The promoters will allocate matches to participating countries with the biggest crowd-drawing potential.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary Brian le Fevre sees the series as possibly a part of the Socceroos' build-up for the 1981 World Cup qualifying series.

Most of the matches will be shown live on TV to the nations taking part.

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LIVERPOOL WON'T TOUR AFTER ALL

European champion Liverpool will not be touring Australia this year after all but Australian soccer officials are trying to have the English glamour team in the country within the next three years.

\$350,000 star for Frankston?

Eamon Bannon, who was bought by English First Division club Chelsea for \$350,000 recently, will be in Australia in May.

He will be visiting his brothers Pat who plays for Heidelberg United, and Vince and Ged who play for Frankston City.

Eamon has permission from Chelsea to play guest games while in Australia.

It is expected that Frankston will make a bid to use him. Frankston will have Martin Peters of Norwich City here as a guest player about the same time.

'Georgie' still homeless

George Cross is still without a ground, but the club remains optimistic about its future.

The Cross applied to use Selwyn Park in Albion, Chapel Reserve in Sunshine, and the Fitzroy Cricket Ground but was knocked back each time.

Club vice-president Alf

Zahra said: "There is a ray of hope that we will have a permanent home ground next year and in the meantime we have our eyes on another ground for this season. We may have to come to a com-

Australian Soccer Federation secretary Brian le Fevre said there was "no chance" Liverpool would tour Australia this season because of the club's busy programme.

But he said tours by Aston Villa and AC Milan could take place during 1979.

"Aston Villa has shown interest in visiting Australia," he said, "although I think such a tour would be a flop. Aston Villa has no star players and hasn't been a force in English soccer for some years. The public would not support the tour."

"Also, if Australia defeated Aston Villa the merits of the win would be written off because the English team is on a holiday. If Aston Villa defeated Australia, our reputation would be harmed."

Italian glamour team AC Milan is a target of the ASF but an enormous fee has been demanded by the famous club. — KYLE PATTERSON.

SIR — I would like to say a few words about the dropping of "Philips Top Soccer" from the O-Ten Network.

Firstly, I would like to know how they could use ratings as one of their reasons for the program never had a chance to improve ratings, with a ridiculous time slot, which was never stable. One week it

would start at 11 pm, the next 11.15 pm and so on. And to make matters worse, it was screened on Monday night. With most viewers having to go to work in the morning and with school-age children not being allowed to stay up so late, the program did not have much chance to improve ratings.

Also, I would like to know what the Philips League management plans to do about getting the program back on television. May I suggest, giving the program to another station which would be prepared to give soccer a fighting chance. I also feel that soccer fans should do as I have done — ring the O-Ten Network and express the feeling about the dropping of the program.

I would also hope that fans get behind the clubs by supporting them at all matches.

F. Hiti, Somerville, Vic.

N.B.: This is one viewer of the O-Ten Network has lost.

Brady best

LONDON, Arsenal and Irish international midfielder Liam Brady has been voted "player of the year" by his colleagues in English League Soccer.

Brady received the award at the Professional Footballers' Association annual dinner. Five players were named as joint runners-up including Osvaldo Ardiles.

The Argentine World Cup star who now plays for Tottenham Hotspur, Cyrille Regis, the French Guiana-born West Bromwich Albion striker was voted "Young Player of the Year."

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Reactions to the TV blackout

New scheme of players' jobs would clear gloom

While a certain gloom prevails at the moment following the dropping of 'Top Soccer' by the 0-10 network, I still see an excellent future for the game here.

I am sure there will be a consolidation of the Philips league which will be followed in a few years by a new form of professionalism.

Before I go on to speak of this new professional trend in our soccer, I believe it is the job of the ASF and the Philips League, through its administrator, John Frank, to 'sell' the certain success of our soccer to a television station THIS YEAR and not hang about till 1980. If need be we can film and package a program ourselves and sell it to the station. This can be done. There are people around who could do it.

The new professionalism coming to Australian soccer will have players working for sponsors and soccer clubs who will give them time off to train every afternoon.

This is the next logical step forward following the upgrading of our top soccer with the introduction of the Philips League.

For the first time in Australia's soccer history, soccer would become more important than career jobs to our players.

Players would be aware that their careers would still be safeguarded for them while they put the majority of their time and effort into soccer.

It would put us in line with nations such as Hungary, which uses this restricted form of full professionalism for its top teams.

It is the nearest we will ever get to full professionalism.

We cannot hope to have the full professionalism that exists in Britain.

Neither do we need to.

Once players are freed from the grind of full-time jobs, followed sometimes by five nights a week training, they will be able to put far more drive and energy into their play than at present.

The general manager of St George BSC, Les Bordacs, said he felt his club would be able to introduce the new professionalism five years from now.

If need be, St George and Sydney City could probably bring it in within a couple of years.

Sydney City has its two sponsors, City Ford and Presto, to employ players, plus

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the giant Westfield organisation which is owned in partnership by club president, Frank Lowey. Of course, there is also the big social club.

St George has the widespread Pongrass Industries in which to place players. Club president Alec Pongrass, owns that company. Then there is the social club, the various small sponsors plus the major sponsor currently being sought by the club.

(New promotions manager, Alan Barton had arranged a \$75,000 sponsorship deal with a major company which was scrapped when the company learned there would be no national television of the Philips League this year).

Sydney City and St George are well-organised clubs which will certainly be to the fore when the new professionalism arrives.

We have been told so often by the men at the top of soccer about the great commercial backing that our sport can attract, so why wasn't this potential tapped when it needed to be?

Viewers urged to boycott network

Footscray J.U.S.T. president Tony Kovac (pictured) has urged soccer supporters to boycott the 0-10 network over its axing of the "Philips Top Soccer" programme.

"I am very upset with the attitude of the network," he said. "I urge all supporters of Footscray and soccer in general to protest to the network by telephoning and writing letters and by refusing to watch the stations concerned."

"It is a disgrace that the network withdrew from soccer only seven days before the start of the season and after having earlier given us assurances that its involvement with soccer was a long-term one."

Pitch sought for record bid

The Prahran college of Advanced Education (Vic), is raring to go for a world soccer record but may be thwarted because it can't find a ground.

The college team wants to try to break the world record for the longest game of soccer. The record attempt is being arranged to raise money so the college soccer team can compete in Perth in the Australian inter-college sports carnival.

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But what is happening in soccer?

Clubs are showing great progress in areas of promotion and the improvement of spectator facilities, but their effort is not necessarily being inspired from the top.

St. George, for example, set its goals some years ago when president Alex Pongrass started talking of brilliant new ground facilities. They laughed at him then but today the Saints have a million-dollar stadium at the new St. George ground at Barton Park, proving that Pongrass was well ahead of his time.

South Melbourne, under its president Sam Papasavas, has also shown great progress in social club and ground development (a new Press box has just been opened at Middle Park). It took a man like Papasavas to inspire such progress, yet these things could have been done better many years ago, when prices were lower and attendances higher.

Adelaide City has a modern club building and ground, Canberra has the use of the incomparable Bruce Stadium, West Adelaide has bought land on which to develop facilities, and Newcastle has worked miracles in the short time since its formation.

All this progress has been initiated by sound administration. St. George has various committees steering the club in its activities, Sydney City has Johnny Warren as full-time promotions manager.

Isn't it time the League itself followed Suit? We are after all, the No. 1 football code in this country, and it is inconceivable that a league management committee that includes men like Papasavas and Charlie Caruso cannot get soccer back onto television and keep it there.

How? Money is the answer. When the first rumblings of discontent started emanating from the 0-10 network, the league should have found big advertisers willing to support the "Philips Top Soccer" show and thus placate the network.

We have been told so often by the men at the top of soccer about the great commercial backing that our sport can attract, so why wasn't this potential tapped when it needed to be?

Obviously the network pulled out of soccer because it believed it wasn't making enough money. Knowing that television is vital to soccer's future as a big-time sport, our leaders should have acted without hesitation. As it stands now, the sport has lost its major vehicle for promotion and every club has lost its bargaining power with potential sponsors.

The VFL in Victoria and Rugby League in NSW is perfectly organised in regards to television. They dominate the video waves and are thus able to brainwash the masses about the merits of their particular product.

Soccer must do likewise.

First, we need a complete staff of promotional people, employed by the Philips League, if not the ASF.

These people would work in marketing, promotional, advertising and sponsorship areas and they would be responsible professionals. We cannot go on using amateurs.

With a staff like that, soccer would have the ability to attract much bigger money than we are attracting now, and we would have something to lure television back to the sport.

Without finance and without financiers, we don't have a leg to stand on.

Look at the North American Soccer League. Most of its member clubs employ up to 20 full-time people on their staff to market and promote the game.

The PSL doesn't even have one full-time promotions man, so how can we expect to increase our ability to attract cash? The promotion and marketing push should have started back in 1974, to capitalise upon Australia's qualification for the World Cup finals.

However, better late than never.

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Adelaide City has signed Glen Dodds (pictured) after all, despite earlier difficulties over terms of his contract.

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A wing or full back, he is rated to be Adelaide City coach Rale Basic as one of the fastest players in the PSL.

Dodds played about 10 games for the New Zealand national team, including two against Australia in the 1977 World Cup qualifying series.

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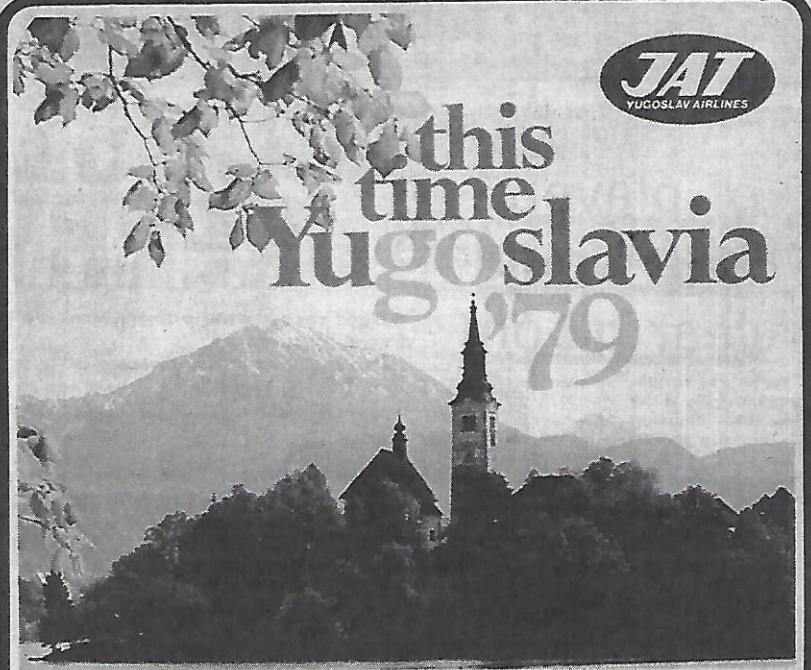


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HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — McMullan 8, O'Reilly 7 (Inj. sub Bannon 74th) Provan 7, Tansey 7 — Rooney 8, Selemidis 6, (Taylor 70th) Campbell 8 — Bozikas 7, Cole 8, Buljevic 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0, ratings by Bobby McLachlan:

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Reilly 7 — Kalafatidis 6, Munro 6, Baxter 8, Turner 6 — Wright 6, Lutton 6, Christopoulos 5 — Cummings 5 (Drakeford 6, half time), Evans 8, Campbell 6.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7 — Coton 6 (Palmer 83rd), Wilson 6, Bell 6, Ainslie 6 — Jamieson 5, Cross 5, (Botham 65th), Raskopoulos 8 — Laing 6, Eaton 6, McIntosh 5.

SYDNEY CITY 2 ADELAIDE CITY 3, ratings by Knut Werner:

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8 — Mullen 7, Thomson 7, O'Connor 7, Trenter 6 — Stevenson 6, Souness 7, Barnes 6 — Watson 7, Smith 6 (Bruce 71st), Campbell 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8 — Russell 7, Perin 7, Muir 7, Metta 6 (B. Nyskohus 7, 45th Min) — Muniz 6 (sent off 84th), Northcote 7, Dodde 7 — J. Nyskohus 7, Deans 9, Kent 6 (Marwe 74th).

WEST ADELAIDE 1 NEWCASTLE KB UTD 1, ratings by Meno Toutsidis:

WESTS: Crook 8, Bozanic 7, Reynolds 7, McGahey 6, Kambas 7, Jones 7, Boyle 7 (Zervas), Pilans 6, Norris 6, Honeyman 6 (McGregor), McCulloch 7.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 6, Willis 7, Curran 7, Mclelland 7, (Sneddon), Summerscales 7, Drinkwater 6, Cowburn 6, (Tredinnick), Seddon 7, Boden 7, Heys 8, Harris 7.

MARCONI 0 BRISBANE LIONS 1, ratings by Tony Raciti: BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 8, Lawrie 7, Niven 7, Spearritt 8, Bennett 7, Hermiston 8, Hughes 7, Ogden 7 (Wilson 81st min), Wallace 7 (Lazio 86th min), Amos 7, Ontong 7.

MARCONI: Maher 5, Degney 6, Russell 6, Lindsay 6 (Berry 60th min), Prskalo 7, Henderson 7, Byren 7, Vieri 5 (Selvage 6, 21st min), Krenkevic 6, Sharne 6, Mariani 6. Total 67.

ST GEORGE 2 CANBERRA CITY 4, ratings by Alex Vesic: ST. GEORGE: Cox 5, Harris 6, Gross 6, Delta Picca 7, Terry 5, R. O'Shea 6, J. O'Shea 7, Cottin 5 (Gavri 7 - 45'), Matic 7, Morgan 6, (Kay 66') O'Connor 7.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 6, Moulis 7, Strow 8, Brown 7, Salgado 6, (Hogg 6 - 50'), Davies 7, Farrell 7, Cant 7, Byrnes 7, Bailey 6, Arquero 6 (Fielding 7 - 55').

BRISBANE CITY 2 APIA 0, ratings by Bruce Waddell: BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 6, Perry 7, Ratcliffe 7, Potter 8, Wilkinson 6 (Rathmell 6, 46th), Pimblett 7, Gaffney 8, Echervaria 7, Caldwell 8, Kelsie 6 (Brusasco 80th), Low 7.

APIA: McGuire 6, Skellern 6, Rowden 6, Wilson 7, Turnbull 6, Stone 6, (Drewes 73rd), Carruthers 8, O'Donnell 7, Reed 6, Scott 6 (Butler 82nd), Vernon 8.

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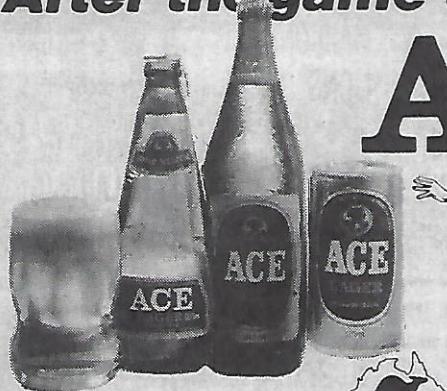
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WEST AD 1
NEWCASTLE 1

Scorers: Pilans (WA) 80, Sneddon (NEWC) 88.
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide
Crowd: 6,127
Weather: fine
Cautions: McGahey (West)
Referee: Graham Neale

7 Philips League champions West Adelaide slumped to a 1-1 draw with tenacious Newcastle KB Utd at Hindmarsh Stadium.

It was a thoroughly unimpressive display from Wests who played without the verve and flair which carried them to the title last year.

Certainly Newcastle's frustrating tactics affected Wests.

Newcastle's close checking upset several of Wests' stars and near the end they looked a very frustrated team.

But Newcastle should have been killed off early.

Graham Norris blew a golden opportunity in the sixth minute after he caught the defence off guard, but from 10 metres he sliced the ball wide of the far post with Newcastle goalkeeper Phil Dando beaten.

Six minutes later Peter Boyle sent a cracking shot wide and Wests were moving into gear.

But Wests began to deteriorate from that point.

Captain Neil McGahey, a driving force last season, was vulnerable while Con Kambas did not inspire his defence by making some risky clearances.

Dave Pilans, in his first game for the year, was also below his best and was given a tough time by Newcastle's defence which harassed him at every opportunity.

Meanwhile Ken Boden and Graham Hoye were a handful for Wests' defence, and Col Curran looked dangerous when overlapping.

Newcastle had their first major scoring chance in the 30th minute, but Boden kicked wide with Hoye unmarked in a prime position.

Ian Sneddon followed that up with a well-struck shot, but Martyn Crook saved comfortably.

Pilans had his first clear header in the 37th minute, but it whistled over the bar with Dando beaten again.

Heys missed the easiest chance of the half when he kicked wide in front of an open goal.

The stalemate continued after the break, with Newcastle holding a slight edge. Both defences were in control, although they occasionally faltered.

It appeared that Wests would be struggling to hang on for a crucial point with Newcastle getting more confident as the game progressed.

But just when it seemed that Wests had given up hope of scoring, Pilans headed them into the lead after 80 minutes.

Berry Reynolds and Alex Zervas, a second half substitute, combined before Zervas fired an accurate cross for Pilans to nod home.

The goal lifted Wests and a minute later Zervas fired a pile driver over the bar.

Norris headed wide after a great near post cross from Reynolds, and Wests had two points in their grasp.

But Newcastle equalised two minutes from the end when substitute John Sneddon hammered a ground shot into the far corner of the net.

It was a sloppy piece of defence from Wests and coach Tom Forde could not have been impressed.

Wests now face a tough match with Sydney Olympic on Sunday.

Wests have beaten Olympic twice in Sydney (4-0, 4-2) but will be struggling to repeat those performances.

It seems certain that Forde will include Alex Zervas in his starting line-up. Zervas was unfortunate not to have been in from the start against Newcastle.

Meanwhile Graham

Bruce Waddell

BRIS. CITY 2
APIA 0

Scorers: Echeverria 22nd, Caldwell pen. 70th
Ground: Perry Park, Brisbane

Crowd: 3000
Weather: very hot
Cautions: none
Referee: Jack Wood 5

Brisbane City maintained their most impressive start to the Philips League in three years with a 2-0 home win over Apia-Leichhardt at Perry Park.

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Shortly after, the match entered its most critical stage as far as the home side was concerned. The defence again was struggling and Rethmell conceded a painful free kick just outside the box.

Brian O'Donnell chipped well, Kim Wishart hesitated and the hard working Carruthers headed against the bar, allowing Wishart to recover and punch the ball away.

Then in the 63rd minute, Reed brought down as he entered the box, but Apia's claims were ignored by referee Jack Wood.

The decision sparked a demonstration from Wilson and Carruthers, and the latter was lucky to escape at least a yellow card.

But the break City were waiting for came with a Pimbrell corner in the 70th minute which Ian Rowden handled, and despite Apia's objections, one of the competition's safest penalty takers — Caldwell — made no mistake.

It was the knockout punch City needed. Apia pressed forward in vain, and both sides missed a few more chances, a common habit during the match.

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FOOTSCRAY 2
HEIDELBERG 2

Scorers:

Ricottovski 12th, Priccione 20th, Heidelberg: Buljevic 30th, Cole penalty 44th.
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Referee: Jack Wood 10

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ST GEORGE 2
CANBERRA 4

Scorers:

Canberra: Stark 1st, 20th, Salgado 5th, Moura 30th, Morgan 50th.
Ground: Olympic Park, Melbourne

Crowd: about 2200
Weather: rain

Referee: Jack Wood 10

Cautions: Lutton (SM), Evans (SM)

It was a carnival atmosphere at Middle Park with South Melbourne juniors forming a guard of honor to welcome the teams onto the field for this all-Greek derby.

The hospitality extended into the brand new Press box, where reporters were treated to all the luxuries including champagne. Our thanks to all concerned.

The South Melbourne line-up featured two changes from the previous week with Sammy Wright and former Wolves star Frank Munro returning in place of Mike Pye and Ken Drakeford.

The early exchanges saw a more purposeful South Melbourne bombard the Olympic goal. In one of the raids Duncan Cummings missed from five metres, and both George Campbell and Alan Evans were causing panic in the Olympic defence.

Gradually, however, Olympic settled down and in the 15th minute Clive Eaton sent a cross to unmarked Dave McIntosh who unbelievably headed past the post when it seemed easier to score.

The game developed into a ding-dong struggle, with fast, end-to-end soccer keeping the crowd on its toes.

The only highlight of the game came in the 70th minute, and it had much of class about it. A cross from Campbell was bobbing about in the penalty area when Alan Evans turned and unleashed a tremendous shot past astonished goalkeeper Gary Maher into the roof of the net — truly an effort deserving a "Golden Goal" title.

During the interval, South Melbourne coach Dave MacLaren decided to rest Duncan Cummings, who had been suffering from the flu during the week. Ken Drakeford came on for Cummings as a front-runner.

Olympic came out as though it really meant business, with 19 international Peter Raskopoulos playing a major part in the early stages of last season, had them fearing by most of their opponents.

However, these odds were continually thwarted by Frank Munro, who, although looking a bit rusty after a long lay off, added much-needed stability which had been missing from the defence during the pre-season games.

Munro's partner, Stuart Baxter, was majestic in the air, and definitely had the better of Olympic's tall striker Dave McIntosh.

South Melbourne threatened when Campbell wriggled past two opponents and brought a great save from Meier. But the ball landed back at Campbell's feet and this time he slammed it past Meier only to see Ken Wilson clear off the line.

Then followed a head-flick by Evans into the path of Wright, who slammed a shot that brought another great save from the busy Meier.

It took the saints only five minutes after the restart to score, but as in the case of unfortunate Cox, it was Hoszowski's turn to make a terrible blunder.

O'Connor raced away from Mousli, then crossed straight into the hands of Hoszowski, who dropped the ball for Neville Morgan to slam it into the net.

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SYD. OLYMPIC 0

Scorer:

Wallace (Lions)

Crowd: about 1500

Ground: Marconi Stadium, Sydney

Weather: cloudy

Referee: Richard Lorenc

7. Cautions: Prakalo (Mar), Hermiston (Lions).

Virtually nothing went right for Marconi in this game as they went down to a fifth minute goal by aggressive Lions striker Craig Wallace.

An hour before the game, the playing field was heavily saturated with a torrential downpour which looked as if it would not stop for quite a few hours.

About 15 minutes before the game the rain stopped, but the damage had been done.

The fans shared the same opinion that the heavy downpour would continue as only about 1500 spectators saw the match. Marconi suffered their second loss in a row, as well as about \$12,000 in gate receipts.

To top it off, brilliant young striker Mark Janekovics was declared unavailable with a hamstring injury.

But his absence was slightly offset by the first appearance of Roberto Vieri this season. He returned to the Sydney Sports Ground.

The rain washed away many of the promotional gimmicks. Sydney City had planned for the skydivers, for example, were not permitted to jump because of the rain and low cloud and the pigeons couldn't be let off. However, the disco went ahead as planned, as did some of the other promotions.

Even though Sydney City went to a 2-0 half-time lead with goals by Ian Souness in the fourth minute, and Murray Barnes in the 44th, the lead was not deserved, as Adelaide City played better football and looked more composed.

Raleasic's boys had some good scoring chances, with Chris Kent missing an open goal from five metres in the 15th minute and John Nyakohoh being foiled by goalkeeper Todd Clarke's courageous dive in the 29th minute.

Despite trailing by two goals, Adelaide did not lose its composure. The South Australians were faster to the ball and better as a team.

Mercurial Dixie Deans supported by New Zealander Glenn Dodds who was moved to the wing, provided the spark that spurred Adelaide to victory.

Here's how the goals were scored:

4th minute: Souness drives a 25-metres free kick through a gap in the defensive wall;

44th min: Eddie Thompson floats a free kick over the Adelaide defence for Barnes to run through. The ball strikes Barnes and deflects into the corner of the net.

47th min: A short corner is headed on by Jim Muir to Deans, who nets from close range.

57th min: Dodds puts over an accurate ball from the right wing and Deans heads into the net.

68th min: Dodds and Deans combine to cut the Sydney City defence before Deans slots the ball home for the winning goal, thus completing his hat-trick.

It was not until the last 10 minutes that Sydney City looked like the team it normally is. Peter Marshall was forced to make a brilliant save from Souness in the 87th minute but it was all too late.

Referee Tim Davies had perfect control of a hard match in difficult conditions.

Sydney City has a busy programme this week. It meets Melita Eagles in the NSW Ampol Cup final tomorrow (Thursday) and is at home to Marconi at Wentworth Park on Sunday.

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In fact, with a bit of tongue-in-cheek Scottish humor, he's making jokes about himself. Taylor's been a permanent fixture in the Heidelberg side since coming to this country, but off the field he hasn't been as successful at holding his place.

Taylor's had no less than five different jobs (well, five that he can remember) in about 25 months, which is a great source of amusement to him.

"I used to work in the afternoon to go to the Hilton Hotel," said Ken. "Bobby Lennox of Celtic was in town with Bobby Charlton's All-stars and I was going to see him. We're old friends, but he wasn't at the Hilton when I arrived. I rolled up to work the next day and was told I was sacked."

That story still gives Ken a laugh.

"Another time I took a job with an alarms company," he said. "I didn't know much about alarms, so they had me crawling under houses and schools dragging wires that was injured and my back never stopped aching."

Taylor's other experiences include working in a menswear store, an engineering factory, a shoe factory, an alarms factory and, at present, in a despatch department in Port Melbourne.

Taylor may take a light-hearted approach to his employment but when it comes to soccer, the smile disappears and the tone is serious.

"It's a dog-eat-dog situation for players," he said. "I look after myself, and make sure I hold my place. If someone else is dropped, even if he's out of form, it can't worry me. Everyone wants a place in the team, but some have to miss out."

Kenny's thoughts are particularly relevant now that Heidelberg has five players battling for three places in midfield. They are: Jimmy Rooney, Pat Bannon, Jim Campbell, Theo Selemidis and Taylor.

Taylor was born on March 17, 1956.

He left school at 15 and joined Ipswich Town (England) as an apprentice in 1972 after being spotted in a youth selection game.

Signing for an English First Division club is the dream of so many footballers in Britain. The stamp-edged Taylor continued south with George Burley, who had been signed by Ipswich from the same youth selection game.

Ipswich is now established in the Ipswich first team as a full back. He played in the 1978 FA Cup final against Arsenal.

"Being with Ipswich was a great experience," said Taylor. "Bobby Robson (manager) and Cyril Lee (head coach) had a big influence on me."

Taylor spent three years at Portman Road, during which time he was part of an Ipswich Town FA Youth Cup-winning team.

Taylor remembers the final well.

"We played Bristol City in the final," he said, "which was a two-legged affair."

The first game was at Portman Road and there was a crowd of about 15,000. Ipswich turned it on, and we won 3-0."

The second leg was at Bristol's Ashton Gate ground. An early goal by Ipswich silenced the 10,000 crowd, which was hoping for a comeback by the home team.

Ipswich cruised through the game but an 89th minute goal from Bristol was to prove costly.

"The game was never in doubt after we scored the early goal," said Ken, "but because Bristol equalised we missed out on our win bonus."

Ipswich took off the Cup on a 4-1 aggregate score.

The Youth Cup triumph came during Taylor's second year with Ipswich. Unfortunately for him, the success brought an undesired result.

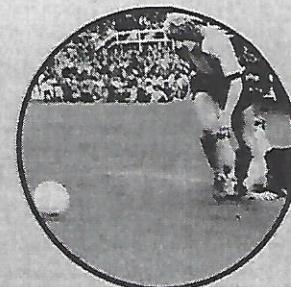
"Ipswich was just starting its youth policy," he said, "and they signed seven of the team as professionals. There just wasn't enough room for so many young players, and I was given a free transfer at the end of the next season."

However, Taylor bears no grudge against Ipswich.

"I had a great time with the club," he said, "and still know quite a few of the lads. I was going to drop in and see Kevin Beattie, Mick Mills and George when I was in Britain at Christmas but I didn't have time."

Taylor's move to the English club as an apprentice has had long-term effects. Being a soccer-mad youngster, Taylor never thought of getting a trade after leaving school.

"I'd be much better off with a



• Ken Taylor — this is your game, as seen by our photographer SAM BELFONTE. Taylor's opponents are, from top left to right: Alan Hughes (Brisbane Lions), Ray Richards (Marconi, now APIA), Margaritis Hagegeanouli (5th Melb), Ian Souness (Sydney City), an unidentified Sydney Olympic player, Richie Williams (Marconi), and Peter Stone (Western Suburbs, now APIA).

Ken Taylor: some day soon we'll score a heap of goals

at Heidelberg, like Pat Bannon,

Arthur McMillan and Jim O'

Reilly are self-employed. They

have more control over their

lives and can finish early for

training."

After leaving Ipswich, Taylor

was picked up by Scunthorpe of

the Fourth Division. His time there

was quite comic.

"Some of the things that went

we were unemployed," said Ken.

He remembered the time

Scunthorpe was matched

against mighty Manchester

City in the League Cup at

Maine Road.

"City hammered us 5-0,"

laughs Ken, "then after the game,

the manager, the chairman and half the players disappeared.

About five of us went back to this

plush hotel where the club had

booked rooms, with the physio in

"Later we boarded the bus to

take us back to Scunthorpe. It

was a joke; a half dozen people on

a big bus."

During the season, a change of

manager meant the end of Ken

Taylor as a Scunthorpe player. He

played six first team games in all.

"At the end of the season, 13

players were given free transfers

at Scunthorpe," he added.

Taylor headed back home to

Scotland. He had trials with pro-

fessional club Kilmarnock, but

opted to play in the junior leagues

with London Rovers.

There was a deadline for

players wanting to be re-instated

as juniors," he said. "I decided to

play junior because I wanted to

see if I could play. There was

no guarantee a pro club would

It was playing for Winton that Taylor took the first steps towards coming to Australia.

"Jim Adam approached me after one game, and offered me the chance to go to Australia," he says.

Taylor met defender Bobby

Provan on the plane during the

flight to Australia. Provan had been

recruited by Adam for Heidelberg's first season in the national league.

"I was quite impressed with the

set-up," said Ken. "Apart from soccer, it was a good move to make. The standard of living here is higher, and I was making good money."

"Before I left for Australia, I was a postman. My wage was about \$80 a week, and the money from playing in the junior league was next to nothing."

"In Australia, from soccer

I'm making money that only

Professional League stars get in

Scotland. That's I've had other

jobs to add to my soccer earn-

ing."

Heidelberg's first season was

highly successful. The team fin-

ished in third position despite a

1-8 drubbing by Marconi.

Taylor's only comment

about the game was: "Some

day soon we're going to have

a game when we score a heap

of goals. Marconi scored

nearly every time they attack-

ed during that game and with simi-

lar luck, we could do the

same."

Last season, Heidelberg had

another game which was nearly

as shattering as the Marconi

episode.

that had we beaten West Adel-

elaide in Adelaide we would have

won the league," said Taylor. "But

we went down 2-3 and after that

we weren't the same. We didn't

click but victory in that game and

we would have burned."

This season, Taylor hopes Hei-

delberg becomes the first Mel-

bourne club to win a PSL hon-

or.

John Margaritis, the Hei-

delberg supreme, has changed Tay-

lor's style of play. Ken said he

used to attack a lot more before

coming under Margaritis, who

gave him a deep-lying midfield

role.

"We play a counter attack ga-

me," said Ken, "and I think it suits

the team better than any other

style. We have Gary Cole, who's

tremendously fast, on the break,

and Branko Buljevic, who's

deadly when given room. A team

has to play to its strengths."

On his own, Taylor hopes to

become a more attacking

player this season.

"I've got pretty good stamina,"

he said, "and if I attack, I can get

back easily. There are times

when I must go forward. If there's a

space up front, I will go through,

and I hope to be more involved in

the forward line this season."

Taylor, who's with Barbara

and his first-born child

during his holiday in Scotland, has

already started grooming his five-

month old son for big-time soccer.

"I bought him a pair of

boots," said Kenny proudly.

"They were the first things I

got for him."

Ken has several years of

breathing space until his son is

old enough to watch soccer

seriously. However, Taylor doesn't

need his mind pointing out mis-

takes he's made. He confesses to

being his own biggest critic.

"In 1977 I missed an open goal

against Moreebank," he said.

That night I lay in bed for hours

thinking about it. I just couldn't

stop thinking about the miss."

One game that didn't bring

much satisfaction to Taylor was

Heidelberg's clash with St George

last season. The Sydney club won

4-1.

"Ralph Coates gave us the

run-around," remembers Ken.

"He had too much experience for

us. He may be balding but really

he's quite young, and near his

peak."

"I scored penalties," he said,

"but my winner against South

Melbourne in the PSL Cup was

the first goal I've netted."

It was a great feeling to score the

winning goal in that game."

But later in the season,

Taylor had the satisfaction of

scoring his first 'goal' in

Australia, and it came against

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SLAVIA GETS THE KISS OF DEATH

I'm tipping Slavia to win the Ampol Cup final at Olympic Park on Saturday night, which probably means Green Gully Ajax will bolt home!

My predictions are the kiss of death, especially after last week's effort when I correctly chose Croydon City and Hakoah to win through to the final.

Both these teams lost. Hakoah didn't produce what it's capable of, and Croydon was soundly thrashed. Actually it was more like destroyed.

The Slavia camp was probably hoping I'd tip Green Gully, and give Bill Vojeck and his boys the kiss of death. But after Slavia played brilliantly against Croydon, there's no doubt in my mind the Slavia boys will win.

Then again, I was pretty sure Hakoah and Croydon would win last week...

Strikers knock out Croydon

CROYDON 1
SLAVIA 5

Scorers: Paton (5) 9th, 71st & 72nd, Aldridge (2), 24th, Train (5) 69th, Tuft (5) own goal 47th.

Ground: Olympic Park.

Crowd: 1200 (double header)

Weather: pleasant

Referee: Joe Slants 7

Cautions: Sinclair (C), Train (C), Brindle (S)

SLAVIA: McPherson 7,

Thompson 6, Vozdovac 8,

Wardle 8, Pye 7, Brindle 7,

Tuft (Whitmore) 6, 50th min., Train 9, Aldridge 9, Paton 9,

Williams 9 (injured (Monaghan 75th min. Total: averaging out subs rating 87.5.

CROYDON CITY: Edwards 5, Spink 4, McCombe 4, Pongho 5, Sinclair 4 (Hobson 80th min.), C. Kelly 5 (Prestley, 4, 39th min., Lowrey 5, Trout 6, Smith 6, Wyllie 4, Hamilton 4. Total: averaging out subs rating 53.5.

There's no better way to silence critics than producing the goods on the field. Several Slavia players were less than happy with the Press coverage the club was receiving.

ing so they sent out a message in the form of a 5-1 thrashing of Ampol Cup favorite Croydon City.

This win came in for some stick from the Slavia boys after their magnificent win. And fair enough too. I tipped Croydon to win, and backed up that confidence by placing a bet with Slavia's assistant coach Colin Healer.

Easy money, I thought, but the Croydon steam train didn't come home full bore as I had expected. In fact, the eastern suburbs team hardly moved.

But back to Slavia, which deserves high praise for a first-class performance. All the players did extremely well, but I must single out four.

They are Steve Aldridge, Jim Paton, Jim Williams and Jim Train.

Slavia's five goals were scored and made by these four players who gave inspired performances.

Jim Paton scored a hat trick, his third in a fortnight. Last Wednesday night he scored three for the Victorian team against the State under 19 team and the Wednesday before that, three against Albion Rovers in a 5-1 victory.

Jim Paton's record of 10 goals in four games is evidence enough of the striker's goalscoring prowess.

Alan Pongho and Steve McCombe

Paton ran rings around Alan Pongho and Steve McCombe.



JIM WILLIAMS

In between came a goal which gave Slavia a 1-0 victory over Green Gully, the team it faces in the Ampol Cup final on Saturday night.

Paton's record of 10 goals in four games is evidence enough of the striker's goalscoring prowess.

Alan Pongho and Steve McCombe

Paton ran rings around Alan Pongho and Steve McCombe.

Once given a yard, Paton could turn and be away before his marker could react.

The former Queen's Park (Scotland) forward went past McCombe too. He beat him on the line with a foot of space to work in, and twisted him inside out with the cheeky flicks on that night.

Paton's first goal was a cool piece of finishing but his second and third could be put down to being in the right place at the right time.

Both times Croydon goalkeeper Mick Edwards spilled the ball and Paton was in like a flash to tap home.

Slavia coach Harry Chalkitis calls striker Steve Aldridge the unsung hero of the team.

It was Aldridge who never stopped pressuring the Croydon defence and created space and time for fellow players by doing so.

Jim Williams gave an immaculate display of close control and agility. He twisted full back Jim Spink inside out with little effort with dribbling skills that the crowds love to see.

Williams made two goals for Paton and created a lot of havoc. What more can a winger do? He skinned his full back on numer-

ous occasions, and used the ball intelligently.

Jim Train was incredible. He seemed to be streaming forward for all the game, running full bore, yet having something to give still.

His goal was justice, for he was the most determined Slavia player in a game of absolute winners on the night.

With Croydon's midfield unable to build up moves or hold possession long enough for a pattern of play to form, Slavia had effectively smashed Croydon.

What's more, Croydon's defence was made to look bad as the way it distributed the ball. McCombe and Mike Sinclair in particular gave midfielders and forwards no chance by ballooning most passes.

Once again the question was raised as to the value of Jim Williams and Roy Hamilton. Without good service from Pat Lowrey or Joe Train, the two strikers led a quiet life.

Paton and Aldridge's style of playing close together in the middle caused confusion in the Croydon defence. With McCombe and Alan Pongho having to mark opponents, there was no sweeper in defence, no depth.

KYLE PATTERSON



Lou Denys storms out to tackle Stewart Blair of Mick Klarin, Branko Bozinovski and Peter Donaldson

Denys a mena

GG-AJAX 1
HAKOAH 0

Scorer: Perkins 39th.

Ground: Olympic Park.

Weather: Warm.

Crowd: About 1200.

Referee: Fokianos 8.

Rating:

AJAX: Deny 9.5, Donaldson 6, Cain 8, Klarin 6, Patten 8 — Vojeck 9, Vassallo 6 (injured, sub. Crilly 75th), McCarthy 8 — Sagi 6, Carr 7, Perkins 8. Total: 82.

HAKOAH: Whiteside 4 — Daperis 6, (Baker 67th), Gadsby 9, Dosen 8, Rako

vals 6 — Blair 7, Rigby 9, rdnou 8 — Nagy 7,

French 6, Bozinovski 6 (Gibson 60th). Total: 76.

Goalkeeper Lou Denys recovered from a period of mediocre form to lead Green Gully Ajax into the Ampol Cup final.

It was due mainly to the brilliant saves of Denys that Ajax hung onto its 1-0 lead over Hakoah until the end of their semi-final.

Denys, who joined Ajax from St. Albans in 1977, made three uncanny saves. He came out to tackle Stewart Blair as Hakoah broke through just after half time and he blocked two

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1963: Lions goalkeeper Dieter Voight, who later played for Croatia and Juventus, gathers the ball from the Hellas shot.



1964: J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Marko Fode catches in the rain and slush, with team mate Billy Rice on the ground.



1964: Keuk (right) of Wilhelmina robs Polonia's Kaz Kowalec of the ball.



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oah. Other players, from left: Willie Vassallo, Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

ce to Hakoah

powerful shots by Graham French at point-blank range.

Ironically, it was a mistake by Hakoah's goalkeeper Bill Whiteside, that gave Ajax its match-winning goal in the 39th minute.

David Perkin hit the ball from 30 metres and Whiteside was much too casual as he came out to catch what he thought would be an easy ball. Instead of catching it, he let it bounce off his hands, over his head, and into the net.

Ajax defended that lead grimly and succeeded, due to the brilliance of Denys, but Hakoah had most of the play due to Dave Rigby's dominance in midfield.

Ajax would have saved itself a lot of headaches had someone picked up Rigby and marked him when it was obvious that he was doing more damage than anyone else.

But Ajax also had good midfielders in Billy Vojtek and Ian McCarthy, and a hard-working winger in Perkin, and so the Hakoah defence had a few headaches as well.

However, full marks to to

centre backs Anton Dosen and Steve Gadsby, who played extremely well.

To add sting to his team, Hakoah coach Frank Micic replaced Branko Bozinoški with Ian Gibson in a move that saw Blair going to the flank.

Later, he replaced injured full back John Daperis with David Baker — a move that obviously displeased reserve Les Owens, who held the right back position before Daperis took it from him.

Ajax's Maltese international Willie Vassallo, who has been struggling to find form, played better this time but had to leave the field after injuring an ankle in a tackle 15 minutes from the end.

He was replaced by Steve Crilly, who went to left back, pushing John Patten into the centre to form a five-man defence that made it even harder for Hakoah to break through.

Later in the game, Ajax had a final attack when Perkin sent off a dangerous shot from the wing but this time, Whiteside saved well under pressure.

—LAURIE SCHWAB



Billy Johnson

Jim Spink

John Cain

Nick Lowe

Steve Beech

THREE CROYDON MEN IN AMPOL ALL-STARS

Heaven help the opponents if "Soccer Action's" All-star Victorian team sets foot on a playing field!

We've selected 11 in-form players who were outstanding in the Victorian Ampol Cup preliminary rounds, and who had the highest average ratings for their individual positions.

They can't be beaten, it's a formidable combination, one which would take a lot of beating. Remember, these are the players who are playing well at the moment.

BILL JOHNSON

Position: goalkeeper

Club: Albion Rovers

Previous club: Sunshine City

Ratings: 8 v Green Gully 1-2 aet

8 v Frankston City 1-4

8 v Essendon Croatia 0-2

8 v George Cross 3-1

5.5 v Prahran Slavia 1-5

Average: 7.5

The experienced Johnson has been given a new lease of life since his transfer to Albion Rovers. Although on the wrong side of 30, Johnson has been excellent in goal this season.

Johnson missed 1978 after a dispute with his former club Sunshine City but Albion, after losing Jeff Oliver, who transferred to Heidelberg Utd, and Jim Green, who has only just recovered from a broken leg, needed a top goalkeeper.

Johnson has had plenty to do in five Ampol Cup games. Fourteen goals were hit past him but this is a false impression of the form he has been showing.

Apart from a five-goal hammering from Slavia, Johnson has made excellent saves in every game. On ground shots he is almost unbeatable. Sometimes using feet to block shots, Johnson can't be faulted for his work in this department.

His lack of height hinders him on crosses but that's not to say he can't cope with stuff.

Besides, the centre backs in front of him — Alex Work and Steven Blair — are both tall and cut a large percentage of the high balls.

Johnson may not have the cat-like reflexes of Yaka Banovic (ex-Essendon Croatia, now Heidelberg Utd) or the spectacular style of Peter Laumets (ex-Preston Makedonia, now South Melbourne), but he is a reliable goalkeeper.

Albion's chances of survival in the State League have improved greatly with the arrival of Johnson.

JIMMY SPINK

Position: full back

Club: Croydon City

Previous club: Forfar Athletic (Scotland)

Ratings: 7 v Altona City 3-1

7 v Juventus 2-1

7 v Preston Makedonia 0-1

7 v Hakoah St Kilda 1-0

6.5 v Sunshine City 2-1

Average: 6.9

The solidly-built Jimmy Spink is a relative newcomer to Victorian soccer, having been imported from Scotland by Croydon City last season.

But the impact he has made in the short time he has been here has been big. The sturdy Scot has impressed with his tackling and tight marking, although he hasn't fully shown his capabilities as an attacker.

Quick on the turn, Spink seems best suited to having a direct opponent to block. Many wingers will find this season that Spink doesn't give away too much.

His use of the ball is good, although not spectacular. But that's Spink's trademark — solid and safe.

JOHN CAIN

Position: central half

Club: Green Gully Ajax

Previous club: Prahran Slavia

Ratings: 9 v Essendon Croatia 5-1

8 v George Cross 1-0

7.5 v Frankston City 2-3

7 v Hakoah St Kilda

Did not play v Albion Rovers

Average: 7.8

John Cain, along with Bill Vojtek and Steve Carr, helps form the backbone of the Green Gully Ajax team which has surprised so many people this season.

A big-money buy from Slavia at the beginning of 1978, Cain's form this season has justified Green Gully's substantial outlay.

Cain left Slavia, the club which brought him to this country, after a dispute during 1977 had scarred relations between the player and the club. Cain and six other players went on strike on the eve

CROYDON MEN IN AMPOL ALL-STARS

By KYLE PATTERSON

Last season Green Gully struggled, despite adding several new players to the squad, and Cain would have been looked at harshly by Ajax supporters had he not produced the goods this season.

Cain came good with several dominating displays in the heart of defence. Playing as a sweeper or centre Cain has shown skill plus power.

As a defender, he is strong in the tackle, good in the air and safe in a tight situation. But this game doesn't end there. Cain has an attacking impulse as well.

Often he pushes into the midfield with attacks to give support. The versatile Cain has shown in the past an ability to play as a midfielder or forward.

Cain's ability to aid his midfield makes him a valuable player in demand, and he will be a pillar of strength in the Ajax team this season.

NICK LOWE

Position: sweeper

Club: Sunshine City

Previous clubs: Oxford Utd (England), Mooroolbark

Ratings: 8 v Croydon City 1-2

8 v Altona City 1-2

7.5 v Hakoah St Kilda 0-1

7 v Preston Makedonia 0-0 (5-3)

3 pens) Average: 7.5

Nick Lowe played six games with Mooroolbark in the Premier League, and is the only player in the All-star team with national experience.

Lowe's class has made him shine in the State League since his transfer to Sunshine City in April last season.

Many observers think it's only a matter of time before a bigger club comes to Sunshine with a fat cheque to exchange for Lowe's services.

If Lowe does leave Sunshine this season, it will be the third consecutive year the club has parted company with its best player.

STEVE KOKEK

Position: full back

Club: Preston Makedonia

Previous club: Essendon Croatia, Western Suburbs, Sunderland (England)

Ratings: 8 v Altona City 3-1

8 v Juventus 2-1

7 v Hakoah St Kilda 2-1

7 v Sunshine City 2-1

8 v Preston Makedonia 0-1

Average: 7.2

Steve Kokek, a former Sunshine junior, left in 1977 for \$7000 to a transfer to Essendon Croatia and last season Tommy Cummings left the "Shiners" for Essendon Croatia as a fee of \$6500.

Lowe is a former captain of English club Oxford Utd which is presently in the Third Division.

He is a highly efficient sweeper, giving excellent cover to his fellow defenders.

He has stylish distribution and composure in a tight situation, and reads the play well.

STEVE BEECH

Position: full back

Club: Preston Makedonia

Previous club: Essendon Croatia

Ratings: 9 v Sunshine City 0-0 (3-5) pens)

8 v Altona City 2-1

8 v Croydon City 0-1

6 v Hakoah St Kilda 1-0

6 v Juventus 5-6 set

Average: 7.4

Steve Beech has played a lot of soccer on the left wing, and has retained his flair for attack up the flank despite his shift to full back.

Critics of the speedy Preston Makedonia defender say this is the cause of his weakness — too much going forward and not enough attention paid to his safe.

But Beech has held a tighter reign on opposing wingers this season without losing too much of his attacking tendencies.

His medium build allows him to be strong enough for tackling in the vital area before going but light enough to overlap and join in attacks.

He likes to get involved in one-twos with his midfielders, and often sends in good crosses from the flanks for his forwards. He is a very skilful player.

A full back's first job is to defend, but goals win games, and that could well be Beech's forte.

BILLY VOJTEK

Position: midfield

Club: Green Gully Ajax

Previous clubs: Essendon Croatia, Melbourne Croatia, Juventus, Sydney Croatia

Ratings: 9 v Essendon Croatia 5-1

8 v George Cross 1-0

7 v Frankston City 2-3

7 v Prahran Slavia 0-1

Average: 7.8

His displays in the Ampol Cup have been good. Smith isn't going to win too many friends with his style but it's unlikely that will

STEVE CARR

Position: striker
Club: Green Gully Ajax
Previous club: Birmingham City (England)

Ratings: 9 v Essendon Croatia 5-1

8 v George Cross 1-0

8 v Albion Rovers 2-1 aet

7 v Frankston City 2-3

7 v Prahran Slavia 0-1

Average: 7.8

Green Gully's Steve Carr was equal top goalscorer of the Ampol Cup competition.

But goals aside, Carr has emerged with George McMillan of Preston Makedonia as the most exciting and talented striker in the State League at present.

Carr scored five goals to tie with Noel Mitten of Frankston City as the top goalscorer.

The former Birmingham City (England) forward arrived in Australia last season to play with Green Gully, but made no impact in a struggling Ajax team.

This season, he has shown his class in several areas. His willingness to graft is evident, and he's not afraid to bustle to get past a defence.

As a target man, he is fast at coming off defenders and lays off early passes.

And his ability as a goal taker has been proved with his five goals in five games two of which came in a losing 2-3 scoreline against Frankston City.

Carr is a fast, stylish player, and he will surely score at least twice as many goals in the State League as he did last season.

His 1978 tally for championship matches was five from 16 games.

GEORGE McMILLAN

Position: striker
Club: Preston Makedonia
Previous clubs: Essendon Croatia, Perth Azzurri

Ratings: 9 v Croydon City 1-0

8 v Juventus 5-6

7 v Sunshine City 0-0 (3-5 pens)

7 v Altona City 2-1

6 v Hakoah St Kilda 0-1

Average: 7.5

George McMillan of Preston Makedonia is the State League's "macho man".

No player is more determined on the field than George and no one takes as much physical punishment as the lanky Scot.

What's more, few players can bounce back from heavy knocks like McMillan, who professes to be able to treat his own injuries.

McMillan's outlook is simple — play the game hard and fast. This attitude makes McMillan an awesome sight for any defence. His pace and battering-mall-style gives defenders not much.

Nobody has ever doubted George's guts and determination.

But the skill the big man possesses was not always recognised.

Towards the end of Preston's Ampol Cup campaign, McMillan came to the fore with some skilful performances. The secret was that McMillan started to slow himself down when on the ball, which allowed his skill to show through.

McMillan joined Preston from Essendon Croatia at the start of 1978 after half a season with Croatia.

He originally came to Victoria from Perth, where he played for the Azzurri club.

TOMMY CUMMING

Position: winger
Club: Essendon Croatia
Previous club: Sunshine City

Ratings: 9 v Prahran Slavia 2-0

8 v Frankston City 2-0

7 v Albion Rovers 2-0

6.5 v George Cross 0-0 (4-5 pens)

4 v Green Gully 1-5

Average: 6.9

At his current rate of progress, Essendon Croatia's Tommy Cummings will probably be playing for Australia inside two years.

Cumming, of course, is a long way from national selection, but no one can deny the Scottish winger has achieved a lot in a short space of time in Australia.

A Rothmans Gold Medal, a Bill Fleming Medal, representative games for Victoria, Ampol Cup, State League Cup and State League championship winners medals plus a big-money transfer is a lot to cram into three years.

Now Cumming is on the transfer list at Essendon Croatia, with the aim of playing in the Philips League.

The wee winger (he's only 5ft 4in) has an energetic style that makes him a favorite with the fans.

This season's Ampol Cup has been good. Smith isn't going to win too many friends with his style but it's unlikely that will



Pat Lowrey

Duncan Smith

Tommy Cummings

George McMillan

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McCracken: the King of offside

From DOUG CONWAY of AAP

THE ultimate punishment for lovers of fast, attacking soccer would be to be transported back in time to early 1920 England, and forced to sit through a match in which Billy McCracken was playing.

McCracken, who died here last month aged 95, was the acknowledged master of the offside trap.

So mischievously and skilfully did he exploit the ruse, that he will go down in history as the man who forced the authorities to change the law.

Operating in almost telepathic partnership with Frank Hudspeth, his fellow full-back at Newcastle, McCracken was able to reduce many a match to little more than a tedious succession of whistle stops.

They say that visiting teams getting off the train at Newcastle Central Station on match Saturdays would hear the guard's whistle and to a man, chorus: "bloody ell, offside already!"

In those days a player was offside unless there were at least three opponents between himself and the goal-line when the ball was last played.

With the centre half usually well forward in his old attacking role, the three defenders involved tended to be the goalkeeper and the two full-backs.

Thus it needed only one of the backs to move up in the instant before a pass was made, to catch the opposition offside.

McCracken and Hudspeth were not the inventors of the tactic. A Notts county pair, Morely and Montgomery, cottedtoned on to the idea just before the First World War.

But they were its finest exponents, the men who perfected the loophole.

Everyone wanted to see McCracken and his perverse plan in action. In the 1911 FA cup final against Bradford city, which was replayed at Manchester's Old Trafford ground, a Manchester factory circulated a notice to its employees on the Monday morning.

"All requests for leave of absence on account of toothaches, severe colds and minor ailments, funerals, picnics, church socials, and the like, must be handed to the head of Department before 10 am on the morning of Wednesday's match."

But McCracken's fame did not exactly make him a universal favourite. The negative influence was stifling the game.

By the end of the 1924-25 season, goals and gates were in decline. Something had to be done.

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KAISERSLAUTERN SET FOR FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP

Kaiserslautern, the club which boasted Fritz Walter, Ottmar Walter, Werner Kohlmeyer and Werner Liebrich in the fifties, is set to win its first Bundesliga championship.

Before last weekend's round of matches, Kaiserslautern held a two-point lead over second-placed VfB Stuttgart, with Hamburger SV another three points behind in third place.

Kaiserslautern's star is Swedish international goalkeeper Ronnie Hellstroem, who finished sixth in the European Player of the Year poll.

Other stars are striker Benny Wendt, also a Swe-

dish international, midfielder Hannes Bongartz, winger Reiner Geyre and of course German international Klaus Toppmöller.

Kaiserslautern is one of only two Bundesliga clubs that own their own stadium, the other being Eintracht Braunschweig.

The ground holds 33,000 and the average gate in the first half of the season has been 30,635.

Best supported club in the league, surprisingly, is last-placed Nuernberg with an average of 39,557.

Next came VfB Stuttgart with 38,750, Bayern Muenchen with 37,169, and Hamburger SV with 36,403.

Defending champion 1.FC Koeln, which last year had an average of 34,645, has slipped to an average of 27,491, but recently signed a \$420,000-a-year deal to display a Japanese trade emblem on the players' shirts.

For his success so far this year, Kaiserslautern's coach Karl-Heinz Dellkamp, 44, was recently named West Germany's "Man of the Year" by the sports paper "Fussball Woche."

Kaiserslautern's president is Juergen Friedrich, a former player and, at 34, the youngest club president in the league.

The consortium, which groups the world's major television broadcasters except those in North America, also gained radio and video-cassette rights under the agreement reached yesterday.

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BULJEVIC THE TRUMP CARD AGAIN

By LAURIE SCHWAB

There is little justification for any optimism South Melbourne Hellas may be feeling about its clash with Heidelberg Alexander at Olympic Park greyhound track on Sunday.

Heidelberg, previously called Fitzroy, has won three and drawn two of the five games between the clubs since the Philips League started in 1977.

In doing so, it has scored 13 goals to South Melbourne's six.

And it has also had a consistent winner in striker Branko Buljevic who has scored five goals against South Melbourne in those five games.

He notched two of them in Heidelberg's 5-2 victory in 1977 and two in its 4-1 triumph of 1978. Both games were at Olympic Park's No. 1 ground.

Heidelberg has had the more settled team over the two seasons of the PSL. At least five of the players who will take the field on Sunday appeared in the previous five

games against South Melbourne.

In contrast, Mike Pye is the only one of Souths' present players who has appeared in the five matches.

Every game between the teams in the PSL has attracted at least 10,000 people. This time the crowd is expected to be anything between 12,000 and 20,000.

One of Heidelberg's trump cards will be goalkeeper Yatka Banovic, the star recruit from Essendon Croatia.

Midfield remains a headache for coach John Margaritis. Jim Campbell, Theo Selemidis, Ken Taylor and Pat Bannon are all vying for the two midfield positions alongside Jimmy Rooney.

Margaritis may decide to use Campbell up front in place of Andy Bozikas, and

give the two midfield positions to Taylor and Selemidis, with Bannon standing by to go in if he is needed.

South Melbourne coach Dave MacLaren has a similar midfield problem. Ken Drakeford, Bertie Lutton, Sammy Wright, George Christopoulos and Alan Davidson are the players vying for the three midfield positions.

Squads:

ALEXANDER: Banovic, Marner, McMillan, Provan, O'Reilly, Tansey, Rooney, Taylor, Selemidis, Campbell, Bannon, Bozikas, Cole, Buljevic.

HELLAS: Reilly, Lamets, Pye, Kalafatidis, Baxter, Turner, Lutton, Wright, Drakeford, Davidson, Christopoulos, Cummings, Evans, G. Campbell.

Branko Buljevic



Alun Evans



Mike Pye



Duncan Cummings

FACTS AND FIGURES

1977
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Cummins 57th) FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Provan 89th) at Midvale Park.

Ratings:

HELLAS: Reilly 6 — Pye 8, Xanthopoulos 6, Kalafatidis 6, Hagegmanoull 6 — Gibson 5, Rogers 5, Dapera 4 (Alexiou 80th) — Cummings 6, Ollerton 6, French 4. Total: 63.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 6 — Nelson 8, O'Reilly 7, Glykokalamos 7, Provan 6, Rakovalis 6 — Campbell 5 (Selemidis 70th), Rogers 7, P. Bannon 7 — Bozikas 6 (Kokkinos 6 half time), Buljevic 9. Total: 72.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 2 (Buljevic 2, Cole 2, Rogers own goal) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Rogers 2) at Olympic Park.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 4 (Whiteside 5, 50th) — V. Bannon 7, O'Reilly 7, Provan 6, P. Bannon 6, McMillan 8 — Campbell 6 (Tansey 02nd), Taylor 7, Bozikas 7 — Cole 7, Buljevic 9. Total: 75.

HELLAS: Reilly 5 — Pye 6, Xanthopoulos 5, Kalafatidis 6, Dapera 4 (Hagegmanoull 6 half time) — Mittan 6, Rogers 6, Gibson 5 — Kent 7, French 6, Ollerton 6. Total: 66.

1978

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Kent 45th) FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Cole 53rd) at Middle Park.

HELLAS: Hansen 7 — Pye 6, Kalafatidis 6, Baxter 6, Hagegmanoull 7 — Lutton 9, Wright 6, Rogers 6 — McGuinness 7, Ollerton 6, Kent 8. Total: 77.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 8 — McMillan 7, Provan 7, P. Bannon 6, Tansey 8 — Campbell 6, Taylor 7, Trout 6 (O'Reilly 6, half time) — Bozikas 6, Cole 6, Buljevic 9. Total: 76.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 4 (Buljevic 2, Campbell 2, McMillan) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Rogers 2) at Olympic Park.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 7 — Pye 7 — McMillan 8, Provan 7, O'Reilly 7, Tansey 8 — Taylor 9 (injured, sub Micavski 89th), P. Bannon 8, Campbell 9 — Bozikas 6, Cole 6, Buljevic 9. Total: 89.

HELLAS: Reilly 6 — Pye 7, Kalafatidis 6, Baxter 6, Hagegmanoull 6 — Lutton 6, Wright 6, Christopoulos 6 (McGuinness 6 half time) — Cummings 6, Rogers 6, G. Campbell 9. Total: 70.

PHILIPS CUP SECOND ROUND
FITZROY ALEXANDER 2 (Buljevic 88th, Taylor 110th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Cummings 89th) at Olympic Park (night game).

ALEXANDER: Marner 9 — McMillan 8, Provan 7, O'Reilly 9, Tansey 8 — P. Bannon 8, Taylor 8, Campbell 7 — Selemidis 7 (Micavski 94th), Cole 6, Buljevic 7. Total: 84.

HELLAS: Reilly 7 — Pye 8, Baxter 7, Munro 6, Hagegmanoull 7 — Lutton 8, Wright 6 (Rogers 6 half time), Christopoulos 6 — G. Campbell 8, Evans 8, Cummings 7. Total: 81.

Total appearances by each player in matches between Hellas and Alexander:

HELLAS:

5. Pye, Hagegmanoull, Rogers, Marner, Kalafatidis, Baxter, Turner, Lutton, Wright.

2. Xanthopoulos, Gibson, Dapera, French, Kent, McGuinness, Christopoulos, G. Campbell.

1. Alekou, Mitten, Hansen, Munro, Evans.

ALEXANDER:

5. O'Reilly, Provan, J. Campbell, Taylor, P. Bannon, Buljevic.

4. Blasby, Bozikas, McMillan, Tansey, Cole.

2. Selemidis, Micavski.

1. Nelson, Glykokalamos, Rakovalis, Kokkinos, Whiteside, V. Bannon, Trout, Marner.

Goalscorers in matches between the two teams:

HELLAS:

3. Rogers
2. Cummings
1. Kent

ALEXANDER:

5. Buljevic
3. Cole
1. Provan, J. Campbell, McMillan, Taylor, Rogers o.g.

Total team ratings: **ALEXANDER** 395.6, **HELLAS** 357.

Best players, with ratings, in matches between the teams:

ALEXANDER:

8.4 Buljevic
8.3 Tansey
7.7 McMillan
7.6 Taylor
7.2 O'Reilly

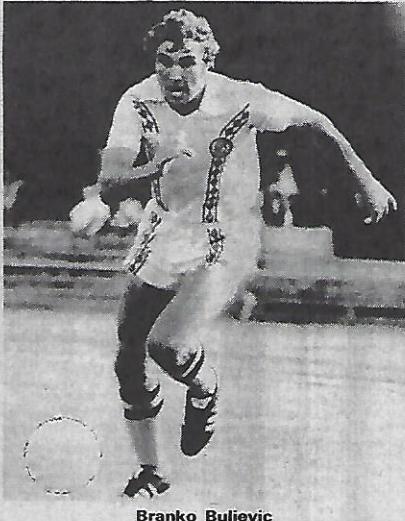
HELLAS:

8.5 G. Campbell (two games only)
7.6 Lutton
6.6 Rogers

ALEXANDER'S ADVANTAGE IN FIGURES:

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JOHN MARGARITIS

SUNSHINE 2
MELBOURNE 0GEO CROSS 4
PORT MELB 1

SUNSHINE: Scholten, Dixey, Lowe, Ellis, Howe, Esposito.
R. Nelson, Muzzell, McNally, Gilmore (Paisley 46th), D. Nelson.

MELBOURNE: Kennedy, Diamantaris, Rae, Drinoczi, Cefo, Hall, Brazil, Lee, Lukovic (Bond 91st) Jurić.

Referee: Mike Daly.
Scores: McNally 93rd, R. Nelson 98.

Cautions: Lowe, Ellis (Sunnies), Lee (Melb).
First-half goals: by John McNally and Robbie Nelson in extra time gave Sunshine a flattering scoreline against a Melbourne outfit which could have won the match if it had converted the numerous chances created.

Sunshine drafted in McNally on the right wing after Wilf Laing had been added to the injury list with a broken toe. Coach Bill Walsh confirmed before the match that Sunshine will blood youngsters in the side even if it means fighting an uphill battle against relegation for most of the season.

Walsh wants to strengthen the relegation situation but keeps Dennis Butler and Ray Clarke as far within the club's reach. Clarke, awarded a free transfer, has asked for an unrestrained signing on feed which the club can't afford.

Melbourne featured their three new signings and certainly have got a bargain in the signing of Ken Hall from Box Hill. He had a very useful first half continually prompting from midfield when in possession and covering or tackling whenever defending.

The club expects three new players from England in the near future including two strikers.

And they certainly needed one on Saturday. Tom Lukovic was presented with three clear cut chances from cunning veteran Steve Jurić but failed to convert any.

The veteran fooled referee Daly with his antics, making a meal of every tackle, but he was quick to spot the half chance and split Sunshine's defence twice in the first half.

Vukovic ran onto the first one but allowed Scholten to come out to narrow the angle and the keeper managed to turn the shot to a corner.

The second came within three minutes of the break, and again he sent Vukovic away but the young centre forward pranced around on the edge of the area long enough for Sunshine to bring back two numbers and avoid any real danger.

Sunshine lacked any penetrative moves and threatened only on occasions. David Nelson had two cross shots saved, and John Kennedy parried a pile driver from Frank Mussell in the 40th minute.

Melbourne's Alan Lee, playing against his former club, had an inspired second half and gave Hugh Howe a harrowing time but found nobody to finish his crosses from the right.

Juric put Vukovic through for the third time in the 62nd minute and this time the striker shook off Ellis only to be held back by his shirt as he was about to take on the keeper. Ellis earned a booking for that but Melbourne wasted the resultant free kick wasted the result.

The match slowed down in pace towards the end and with no goals on the board, went into extra time.

Sunshine finally broke the duck when from a right wing cross McNally headed into the net in the 93rd minute of play and the Melbourne heads definitely sank then.

Robbie Nelson drove the point home with a second five minutes later when his scorching shot from the edge of the area hit the underside of the bar on its way into the net.

Despite the defeat, Melbourne should do well in the first division. The same could not be said for Sunshine who look like they're in for a very hard winter.

PETER DESIRA

GEO CROSS 4
PORT MELB 1

Scorers: George Cross: Mizzi 16th, 88th, Paperas 43rd, Mifaud 67th; Port Melbourne: Lazaridis 14th.
Ground: Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans.

Weather: Hot at first, then showers.

Crowd: About 400.
Referee: Colin Johns 7.

Sent off: Kyriacos (Port Melbourne 80th, misfortune).

GEORGE CROSS: Mifaud 8 — Cutler 7, Miskind 7, Wilkinson 7, Barron 7 — Mirak 7, Castello 6, Paperas 7 — Sodano 6 (Mifaud 6, 40th min.), Mizzi 9, Scilicuna 7 (Rizzo 80th) Total: 76.

PORT MELBOURNE: Karakousis 7 — Triandafilidis 7, Tyrikos 6, Takianos 6, Lekkas 6.5 — Figoianidis 5.5, Papa 6.5, Svilogs 6.5 — Kokoras 5.5 (Papanicolau 6.5, half time), Kyriacos 6.5 (sent off 89th), Lazaridis 6 (Vathis 70th) Total: 86.

George Cross recovered from his humiliating Ampol Cup loss to Albion Rovers the previous week to beat Port Melbourne 4-1 after trailing by a goal early in the game.

The return of Jim Paparas after injury strengthened George Cross midfield and Tony Scilicuna had one of his best games for the Cross on the wing, while Ray Mizzi was again the outstanding player of the match.

Right back Anestis Triandafilidis prevented a certain goal in the fifth minute when he cleared off the line a Mizzi header which had beaten flashy goalkeeper Arthur Karakousis.

And in the 14th minute Port Melbourne took the lead suggesting it might emulate the shock result achieved by Frankston Pines over Albion Rovers in the previous game.

Striker Nick Lazaridis latched onto a through ball on the left with the George Cross defence unighted, and hit it past Svez Mattson, into the net.

But Port Melbourne's glory was short-lived.

Only two minutes later, Steve Sodano, the young George Cross forward for whom coach John Sanchez predicts a bright future, crossed a ball which eluded everyone except Mizzi who sliced it into the net.

Karakousis stopped two more goals when he flew horizontally to block a drive by Sodano and then threw himself at a short cross from Phil Cutajar. Robert Mirak missed the goal from close range and, with five minutes to half-time, Sanchez replaced Sodano with Francis Mifaud.

Mizzi broke through but Port Melbourne player-coach Takis Svilogs came back quickly to block the lethal George Cross strike.

Two minutes from half time Mizzi flicked the ball out to Paparas on his left and Paparas drove the ball low, just inside the near post, leaving Karakousis diving and then George Cross diving into the goalkeeping rooms with a 2-1 half-time lead.

Port Melbourne returned with George Papanicolau on the wing in place of Jim Kokoras.

George Cross was quick to attack, with Mizzi slinging a brilliant pass back over his shoulder to Scilicuna who evaded his opponent before squaring the ball but Karakousis dived it just before Paparas could unleash a shot.

In the 67th minute left back Alex Lekkas missed badly with a sliding tackle on the right wing, leaving a clear path for Scilicuna who went on a run before cutting back for Paparas.

Paparas miskicked, slicing the ball high, where it found Mifaud who tapped it into the net for George Cross' third goal.

Emmanuel Vathis replaced Lazaridis for Port Melbourne and Karakousis prevented another goal when he saved from Paparas. Then Rizzo came on for George Cross, replacing Scilicuna.

Four minutes from the end Mifaud charged down the left wing, changed feet and crossed to Mizzi who rose to head in the fourth goal.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

CROYDON 11
ESS. CITY 0

Scorers: Hamilton 25th, 27th, 50th, 74th, 76th (peni), 77th, Trout 5th, 44th, Priestley 28th, Spinks 72nd, Lowrey 73rd.

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George Cross recovered from his humiliating Ampol Cup loss to Albion Rovers the previous week to beat Port Melbourne 4-1 after trailing by a goal early in the game.

The return of Jim Paparas after injury strengthened George Cross midfield and Tony Scilicuna had one of his best games for the Cross on the wing, while Ray Mizzi was again the outstanding player of the match.

Right back Anestis Triandafilidis prevented a certain goal in the fifth minute when he cleared off the line a Mizzi header which had beaten flashy goalkeeper Arthur Karakousis.

And in the 14th minute Port Melbourne took the lead suggesting it might emulate the shock result achieved by Frankston Pines over Albion Rovers in the previous game.

Striker Nick Lazaridis latched onto a through ball on the left with the George Cross defence unighted, and hit it past Svez Mattson, into the net.

But Port Melbourne's glory was short-lived.

Only two minutes later, Steve Sodano, the young George Cross forward for whom coach John Sanchez predicts a bright future, crossed a ball which eluded everyone except Mizzi who sliced it into the net.

Karakousis stopped two more goals when he flew horizontally to block a drive by Sodano and then threw himself at a short cross from Phil Cutajar. Robert Mirak missed the goal from close range and, with five minutes to half-time, Sanchez replaced Sodano with Francis Mifaud.

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MAKEDONIA v. JUVENTUS ON SATURDAY

If the clash between Juventus and Preston Makedonia in the second main round of the Dockerty Cup is half as eventful as the previous meeting of the two teams, the fans are in for a treat.

Two weeks ago, on a warm Friday night, Juventus and Makedonia were involved in a bizarre Ampol Cup game. During the clash, a player was sent off, another carried off, extra time was played and at the end of the confusion Ju-

RINGWOOD 3
MORELAND 0

Scorers: Greener 8th, Kupnic 54th, O'Callaghan 76th.

Ground: Croydon Park. Crowd: 100 (double header).

Weather: warm. Caution: O'Callaghan (R).

Referee: Mike Gault 7.

RINGWOOD CITY: Fulham 6, Paesman 6, Malcolm 7, Luyten 7, Verviers 6, Carnaby 7, Doolenbal 7, Greener 9, Van Leuven 5 (Pendry 77th min), O'Callaghan 6, Kupnic 7. Total: 74.

MORELAND: Debeljuh 8, Kelly 6, Appleyard 6 (Acosta 87th min), Thomson 5, Duncanson 6, Coles 7, Katz 6, Evans 5 (Paola 6, half time), Lenders 6, Kent 8, Ferretter 6. Total: 69.

English import Ian Greener will be Ringwood City's main weapon as it attempts to win promotion back to the State League.

Greener, a forward who is slight in build, has the ability to take goalscoring chances, but stands out more with his play making.

His vision and quality of distribution are first class, and is extremely difficult for defenders to mark.

Against Moreland, Greener scored Ringwood's opening goal, and made the passes that led to other two. It was Greener who made the gap between the two teams wider.

His first goal came after a bad mistake by full back Chris Kelly. Centre half Derek Appleyard passed to Kelly, who got in a tangle and tried to return the ball to Appleyard.

Greener pressured and intercepted Kelly's pass. He was through the Moreland defence, and never looked like being caught as he dribbled 30 yards to the penalty area, advanced past goalkeeper Mike Debeljuh, and tucked the ball away.

Ringwood's second came when Greener sent a diagonal ball to John O'Callaghan unmarked on the left. The pass cut several Moreland players out of the game and left O'Callaghan with the task of finishing off the move.

The final goal was a header by Mike Kupnic, who is making a habit of scoring. He's scored in every Ringwood game this season.

Greener chipped to the far post, and Kupnic nodded the ball into the net despite a valiant attempt to save by Debeljuh.

Overall, Moreland didn't look capable of beating Ringwood. In the forward line, Bobby Kent ran hard, and tried to create something, but was given little support.

Joe Katz started well enough in the midfield, but died out of the game, and in defence Moreland never looked solid.

Not promising for a team trying to consolidate in the First Division. **KYLE PAT-**

POLONIA 3
JUST 0

Scorers: Czepnik (P) 43rd, Koter 45th, Pichner 59th.

Ground: Croydon Park. Crowd: 100 (double header).

Weather: warm with rain.

Cautions: none.

Referee: Jim Brennan 6.

Ratings:

POLONIA: Dzilakowski 7, Wzola 6, Peter 7, Gavlik 7, Rachwalski 6, Horfiniak 7, Koter 7, Czepnik 8 (Aristodemou 78th min), Lekic 8 (Herman 75th min), Esposito 7, Pichner 6. Total: 76.

FOOTSCRAY JUST:

Ciric 6, Hyne (Stojcevski 43rd min), Televiski 7, Smorgrevski 6, Karic 7 injured 83rd min (no substitute), Acsavski 6, Kazanovski 7, Scoris 7 injured (Kovac 6, half time), Belic 7, Petrevski 6, Kanic 5. Total: 65.

The youth and enthusiasm of JUST had Polonia in trouble in the first half, but a poor mistake by goalkeeper Ciric, who let a corner slip through his hands for Polonia's second goal seconds before half time, demoralised the Footscray team.

JUST had the better of the play in the first half, and kept possession well. The ball was played out of defence confidently, and it was only in the forward department where JUST lacked direction and strength, that let the team down.

Polonia took the lead against the run of play when Peter Czepnik volleyed a powerful shot after a cut back from Ron Horfiniak. Minutes later a corner from Tom Koter gave Polonia a 2-0 lead which the Maribyrong made the most of.

Polonia's greater experience and physical strength allowed the team to dominate the second half. Rain made the pitch slippery, and JUST's game broke down dramatically.

Polonia's best were Czepnik and Brendan Lekic, well supported by Horfiniak and Jan Gavlik.

Footscray had Ivan Karic, Vlatko Belic and Lube Tavelski playing well. All three are youngsters and have promising futures.

Another player, Pui Sinic, who is out injured, is reported to be the pick of the JUST youngsters.

Later in the season, several of these youngsters will be promoted to the club's Philips League squad to train and get experience.

Belic played one PSL game last season against Brisbane City when Footscray was ravaged by injury.

English import Paul Hyne played for JUST, and will probably spend the rest of this season with the Second Division outfit. **KYLE PAT-**

Makedonia's base B. T. Connor Reserve.

It was the highest scoring Ampol Cup game. The first match was at Olympic Park, the home of Juventus, but for the return encounter, Juve travels to

BOX HILL 3
AUSTRIA 1

Scorers: Altheim (A) own goal 61st, Beller (A)

87th, Taylor (BH) 95th, K. Patterson (BH) 103rd min.

Ground: Wembley Park.

Crowd: 1000 (double header).

Weather: sunny.

Cautions: none.

Referee: Les Hazlehurst 7.

Ratings:

BOX HILL: Morgan 8, White 7, Corke 7, Tsakalidis 8, K. Patterson 7, G. McLeod 5 (Bradley 75th min), Taylor 8, I. McLeod 7, Valentine 7, Cupido 7 (S. Patterson 85th min), Ramos 6. Total: 78.

KEILOR AUSTRIA: Dimitrijevski 8, Grbac 7, Gerick 7, Pajkovic 8, Tralic 6, Althaim 7, Beller 8, Feretis 8, (Murray 102nd min), Stojanovic 6, D'Orward 6, Milosha 6 (Rajic 105th min) Total: 77.

Box Hill made work for itself by conceding a late equalising goal, but showed its superiority with two goals in the extra time period.

The Hillmen were cruising to victory, but Austria won a free kick on the edge of the area after Angelo Feretis was floored by Craig White.

Box Hill goalkeeper Graham Morgan parried the shot, but there were several unmarked Austria players on the far post waiting to pounce on the loose ball.

Ray Beller was first in and slammed a shot past Morgan.

Box Hill took the lead when Gerry Althaim headed into his own net after being put under pressure by a hard cross by Michael Valentine. But the Hillmen should have scored several other goals.

Ian McLeod shot wide when faced by goalkeeper Dimitrijevski after a sweeping move, and Ray Taylor hit a drive narrowly past the far post after a good run.

Austria had a good chance to score after a mix up between Morgan and centre half George Tsakalidis. The ball ran loose with Morgan out of goal, but after a goal-mouth scramble, Morgan recovered to grab the ball.

Austria featured striker Glenn D'Orward, a recent signing from Keilor City, and Feretis from Collingwood City. Veteran Guenter Gerick also played.

Austria will be strengthened if it can sign Jimmy Johnstone, Frank Campbell (Albion Rovers), John Webb (George Cross) and George Craig (Hakoah), all of whom played in Austria's reserve team in a practice game against Box Hill seconds.

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CROATIA OUTS MONARO IN NSW OPENING

NSW State League

Champion NSW State League team Croatia nearly frittered away a 3-0 half time lead just holding off a fighting Monaro to win 3-2 at Bankstown Soccer Centre on Sunday.

The first half, played in a torrential downpour, saw Croatia dominate play with Attila Abonyi, Bruno Cegaj, and Maurice Sullivan outstanding in midfield.

In the 19th minute, Abonyi sent a free kick direct to Marian Kovacic, who sent in an unstoppable drive.

In the 28th minute, Cagaj set up Abonyi to score number two and two minutes later, Walter Savor added the third.

The second half saw Monaro fight back magnificently with midfielders Bob Noble and Chris O'Neill standing out.

Gulls between George Cross and Slavia are traditionally hard-fought matches. With the incentive of a quarter final berth, both teams will go even harder.

What's more, George Cross is the current Dockerty Cup holder, and will not surrender its crown easily.

DOCKERTY CUP SECOND MAIN ROUND —

At B. T. Connor Reserve, Preston, Saturday, March 24:

Frankston Pines v Polonia 1.15 pm.

Juventus v Preston Makedonia.

At Middle Park, South Melbourne, Sunday March 25:

Frankston City v Sunshine City 1.15 pm.

Box Hill v Hakoah St. Kilda.

At Olympic Park, Thursday, March 29:

Green Gully Ajax v Western Suburbs 7 pm.

Pratten Slavia v George Cross.

JUVENTUS 8

HAWKS BURN 0

JUVE: Graham, Sabadini, Vaughan, Symington, Tarquinio, C. Smith, Sanipoli, C. Lucchessi, McGuinness, Gillen, J. Lucchesi.

HAWKS BURN: Gulacs, Larinc, Kacmar (Bonecek 58th), Bulic, Barne (Matores 73rd), Hegedus, Bleskany, Palinkas, Biro, Lassan, Lasszo.

Referee: Jon Slants.

Juventus disposed of their Provisional League opponents with a flurry of second half goals after being lucky to survive a first half onslaught.

Hawksburn, playing with the wind in the first period, matched the State League side in every department and missed an open goal towards the end but crumbled when Claude Lucchesi headed home in the first minute of the second half after brother John's shot had hit the bar.

George Gillan netted the second five minutes later with a shot from outside the area which left the keeper stranded and from then on there was no stopping Juv.

Claude Lucchesi had a goal disallowed for offside before John Lucchesi notched his first collecting a clearance from a corner and hammering it in the net.

The same player scored again in the 74th minute when the ball fell nicely for him after a cross had been palmed out by the keeper.

With ten minutes to go Gillan made it five from a header and Hawksburn were just about ready to pack it in then.

But Juve scored three goals in the last four minutes

Goals came in the 75th and 85th minutes from Veljko Trjanjanoski and Tony Morsello, and Monaro were pressing when time ran out.

The game looked destined to finish in a scoreless draw when Manly midfielder Bob Geoghegan made a shocking attempt at a back pass.

The ball fell at the feet of Bafetas, whose shot easily beat the stranded Manly keeper.

Geoghegan's costly lapse was his only one of the match - he was one of Manly's best players and was responsible for most of his team's attacks.

Manly did not deserve to lose the match.

They battled determinedly with their more skilled opponents all day and were relentless in defence.

Toongabbie staged a great fight back to snatch a point off Melita Eagles at Gabba Stadium.

The home side was trailing 2-0 with about 25 minutes to go when Cliff Pollard started the comeback with a well-timed header from a Ricky Hormazabal kick.

Five minutes later speedy winger Steve Pollard blasted a shot towards the Melita goal which led to the equaliser.

The ball rebounded off the keeper and landed at Pollard's feet and he calmly slotted the ball in the net.

In the first half, Don Allan

had given Melita a great start.

His first goal came in the

BANKSTOWN 2 (Daley, Butler) GRANVILLE 1 (Link) at Garside Park.

CROATIA 3 (Kovacic Abonyi Savor) MONARO 2 (Trajanoski Morsello) at Banks-

town, crowd: 1880.

TOONGABBIE 2 (Pollard Pointer) MELITA 2 (D. Allan 2) at Toongabbie. Crowd: 350.

MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC 1 (Balafas) MANLY 0 at Cromer Park. Crowd: 315.

ARNCLIFFE SCOTS v KURING-GAI at Seymour Shaw Park and AVALA v YUGAL at Bridge Reserve — Cancelled.

SECOND GRADE: KURRINGAI 2 (Marchant 2) ARNCLIFFE SCOTS 2 (Birchall 2), MANLY 3 (McVeigh, Britton, Gordon) MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC 1 (Sersemis).

THIRD GRADE: KURRINGAI 5 (Spring 2, Pondeka 2, Martin) ARNCLIFFE SCOTS 1 (Sheard 1).

MANLY 11 (Dipold 3, Gardner 3, Vale 4, Dick) MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC 0.

NEW FEDERATION-DIV 1: Nepean 2 b Sydney Olympic 1. Warringah 1 b Uni of NSW v Polonia 2 drew with St George 2. Belmont 1 b Blacktown 0. Revesby Workers 2 drew with North Sydney 2.

The goal came just seven minutes after Granville's Ally Link had equalised Banks' town's opening goal by Denie Daley.

Auburn star Henry Selfridge and former Hakoah forward Tony Morrow, Bankstown had Greg Lynch (ex-Hakoah and Olympic) and Norrie Porter (ex-Hakoah), as well as Paraguayan Nelson Brizuela (ex-Marconi and Melita Eagles).

Porter, John Lee and Bill Angelopoulos gave Banks' town the edge in midfield and Daley was a constant threat in attack.

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with SAM BELFONTE



Heidelberg's star midfielder Jimmy Rooney goes crashing to the ground in a clash with Footscray's Joe Palinkas.



Sydney Olympic's Paul Cotton (front) tangles with Tony Turner of South Melbourne at Middle Park.



South Melbourne's Duncan Cummings does a curious hand-stand during the match against Olympic.

Forest in Europe thanks to Birtles

LONDON, — Nottingham Forest made sure of a place in European soccer next season with a deserved and successful defence of the English Football League Cup here.



Ballet at Wembley during the League Cup final when Phil Bowyer (left) of Southampton and Frank Clark of Notts Forest go for the ball.

Forest, which thus became the first club to win the competition two years in succession, defeated Southampton 3-2 and earned itself European Football Union (UEFA) Cup action next season at the very least.

It still has a great chance of winning this year's European Cup, with a 4-1 first leg quarter-final lead to take to Grasshoppers or Zurich for the return clash.

Manager Brian Clough stressed: "We are now guaranteed European football and

want to be in one of the three tournaments every year."

Should Forest claim the major trophy, Southampton can take the UEFA Cup place.

Clough can thank "Boy Wonder" Gary Birtles for his continuing success story.

Birtles was playing in non-league soccer last season but the 2,000 sterling (3,600 Aust) bargain buy scored two second goals in reply to David Peach's surprise early effort for Southampton.

Birtles also had two attempts disallowed for offside.

The younger striker said: "Three for the day would have been just great. I thought my second 'offside' goal was a good one."

Tony Woodcock added a third for Forest eight minutes from the end and Nick Holmes managed a last gasp second goal for Southampton.

Assistant manager Peter Taylor said the team needed

no motivation following the midweek remarks of Alan Ball, Southampton captain and England's 1966 World Cup hero.

Ball said Forest was too negative in its games but Taylor replied: "Our middle name is positive. We try to be positive in every way and the win was a reward for 45 minutes' positive football in the second half."

"Brian and I are guilty of many things, but we are not negative."

Burns Cup replay Saturday

The Tommy Burns Cup quarter-final game between Doncaster Rovers and Fawkner, which was abandoned after a crowd disturbance, will be replayed on Saturday.

The first match was at Fawkner's Jukes Road ground, but the replay will be at Rovers' Donvale Reserve.

The winner of the Doncaster/Fawkner game will meet Ringwood City in the semi-finals. The other semi-final is between Western Suburbs and Richmond.

Doncaster kept up its winning form by taking out the JNB Trophy competition at Esther Park, Mooroolbark.

Rovers downed Croydon reserves 4-1 in the final with goals from

Mal Anselma (2), Keith Humble and Robert Forsyth.

Dave Reid replied for Croydon, whose best players were first teamers Dave Brogan and goalkeeper Reg Morton.

Anselma and Alan Copeland were Doncaster's best.

Doncaster's third team kicked off the season with a 2-1 win over Boronia's reserves. Brian Burton and Pearson scored the goals.

Rovers' reserves beat Boronia firsts 2-0 with goals by Gow and Sachindra.

Moreland wins challenge

Moreland (Vic) beat the Epping Australian Rules club in their half-soccer, half-footy game at the weekend.

Moreland won 6-1 in the 45 minutes of soccer and drew 5-5 at Aussie Rules.

Promoter for VSF

Closer co-operation and more direct communication between the Victorian Soccer Federation and the media is a must, said Peter Collins, VSF publicity manager, while addressing a monthly general meeting of the Soccer Press Association at the Vineyard Restaurant, St. Kilda.

There is no doubt, said Mr. Collins, that the withdrawal of Rothmans' sponsorship was a big disappointment but the VSF is on the way to announcing a new promoter.

The well-attended meeting agreed to organise at the end of the 1979 season the Bill Flemming Medal presentation night. The VSF will be advised of a panel of six members with voting rights.

— STEPHEN KALUS.

Junior soccer is going to the pack

Having watched a lot of junior soccer over the past three weekends, I am alarmed to see how low the standard of our young players has become.

The standard is definitely on the decline, skills are poor indeed, and team play is the worst I have seen for years.

This is of course not the kid's fault. It can only be put down to bad coaching or no coaching at all.

I believe that being a junior coach is a very responsible position, as you actually become a teacher of young boys, and as we all know, most teaching jobs require years of training. Unfortunately this is not the case with junior soccer or, for that matter, with most other junior sports.

I also believe that it is about time that clubs, the Soccer Federation and the Coaching Association realised

this and what is more important, did something about it. First, let us look at the system we have been using for the past 20 years or more.

To call it a system is really not correct, because it is in actual fact the lack of system that's been the problem in the past, and perhaps still the problem today.

Most clubs will spend a fortune (if they have it) on their so-called first team, they will search high and low to find what is called a super coach, they then reject their young players and look overseas for some old player, who

worms in both legs (my belief is that if these players were any good they would stay where they were).

On the other hand, when it comes to this club's junior teams, any old father who can be bothered can be in charge of a team and be called a coach.

The kids are usually asked for a joining fee and out of this money the people in charge have to buy shirts, balls and if they are lucky, some markers to be used for coaching.

The answer, if you dare to

A view from the junior ranks
BY LEIF JENSEN

Ferenc Puskas axed by AEK

Greek club AEK Athens has given its coach Ferenc Puskas a three-month "leave of absence."

This is interpreted to mean that he is finished with the club. AEK's management was apparently unhappy with the form the team showed in losing to Aris recently, and blamed Puskas. His successor for the time being is his assistant, Stamatios.

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available, who will come to your club on some training nights, simply to show these men the correct way of working with juniors, so that their boys can learn and benefit from the coaching sessions.

I realise that a lot of men don't have the time to go on coaching courses and some may not even want to go, but they surely would not knock back the opportunity to receive a little help from a qualified person if it is going to help their boys play better soccer, and it must also make life a little easier.

More about this subject next week. If you would like to make a comment on this write to me: L. G. Jensen 13 Magit Ave, Mulgrave 3170.

— PS: Peninsula under 15 regional team requires players. Ring coach J. Vie

Philips League Club Directory

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SECRETARY G. Ursini (08) 31 0778

COACH R. Rasic

GROUND Olympic Sports Field, Kensington (08) 31 1844.

COLOURS Black & White.

This week's Match: v A.P.I.A. LEICHARDT at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club phone: 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.

COACH: N. Saftich.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.

SPONSOR: MONTROSE WINES

This week's Match: v NEWCASTLE KB at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Sunday 2.30 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD. 4077

SECRETARY: S. Boegheim (07) 277 1733

COACH: A. Spearritt.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne. (07) 52 5328.

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue Stripe.

This week's Match: v ST GEORGE at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY: A. Loustas 419 2588.

COACH: J. Margaritis.

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb. (03) 42 0642.

COLOURS: Black & Gold.

*GIRLS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN MISS ALEXANDER QUEST SHOULD CONTACT THE SECRETARY.

This week's Match: v SOUTH MELBOURNE at Olympic Park (No 2 Ground) (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

SECRETARY: David Dillon 48 8917 (W) 54 1787 (L)

COACH: V. Fernandez

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

SPONSOR: BRIAN POLLOCK Ford



This week's Match: v FOOTSCRAY at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 2.30 pm.

FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb (03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Blue White Red.



This week's Match: v CANBERRA CITY at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 2.30 pm.

MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: L. Sartoretto (02) 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.



This week's Match: v SYDNEY CITY at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: J. Gelei.

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green.



This week's Match: v BRISBANE LIONS at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

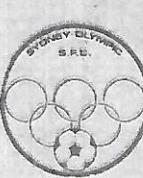
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COACH: J. Marston.

GROUND: Pratton Park, Ashfield.

SPONSOR: optra



This week's Match: v WEST ADELAIDE at St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311.

COACH: T. Forde.

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.



This week's Match: v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at St George

Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

A.P.I.A. LEICHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHARDT 4040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: J. Adam.

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe.

Phone (02) 660 7431.

COLOURS: Burgundy & Sky Blue.



This week's Match: v ADELAIDE CITY at Hindmarsh

Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

This week's Match: v MARCONI at Wentworth Park

